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MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

monthly on the **1st Wednesday**
9.30 am; Feb to Nov. BNCC

DIARY DATES 2019

Tues Nov 12	Cappucino and Chat with Phill Grant Yacht Club 10:00 am
Wed Nov 13	Cappucino and Chat with Phill Grant Bunch of Grapes 10:00 am
Wed Nov 20	New Member Morning Tea 10:30—11:30 BNCC
Sat Nov 30	Swap Meet 10 –11 a.m. BNCC
Thurs Nov 21	Be Connected, Finding Quality Health 1:30 pm BNCC
Dec 2—6	Enrolments for 2020 Classes 10 am -3pm BNCC



Enrolments for 2020 classes are from Monday to Friday 2 December - 6 December at Ballarat North Community Centre 702 Walker Street (corner of Walker and Armstrong Streets). There are new procedures this year so there is no need to rush over on the first day. You can find all the details for enrolment beginning on Page 3 in the Administration Report.



This year, for the first time, we are running a Summer School program. Many of you have told us you would like something to do during the two month break of U3A activities. We are offering six classes at various times in December and January. Why not try something new and sign up for one of our classes? All the details on classes and enrolment (you cannot enrol online so you must come into the office or call the tutor) are on Pages 8-10 in this Bulletin.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The 'Thank You Lunch' for tutors, class representatives and volunteers was very enjoyable. While the main purpose of the lunch was to thank the members whose efforts are vital to the operation of U3A Ballarat, it was also a valuable opportunity to socialize. Indeed, the chats with and between all the volunteers were interesting as well as enjoyable. It was also very satisfying to be able to present certificates of appreciation to volunteers who have been involved with U3A Ballarat for extended periods. Actually, an easier way of saying all that would be that it was just great to 'catch up'.

Many thanks to Elena who, as Vice President, took over my role while I was away. Indeed thanks to all those who helped 'hold the fort' during my absence. The absence was due to participation in the U3A Hiking Group's hike in the Elbe River sandstone mountains in Germany, and in the Cycle Touring Group's ride along the Elbe River in the Czech Republic and Germany. Both events were successful in achieving the goals set out for them, and in providing interesting, educational and enjoyable challenges for the participants.

Now, let's have a look at what the Committee has been doing. Topics at the last Committee Meeting included final details for the approaching enrolment period, new courses and events, further activities in the *BeConnected* program, and accommodation for our classes and activities.

With regard to the enrolment period, full details can be found in this Bulletin. A change to the procedures this year means that there will be no need for members and new members to rush to get in early. If arrivals at the office at BNCC are spread throughout the entire week, there will be no need for long queues. Of course, when you arrive, there undoubtedly will be people ahead of you; that just means you will have the opportunity to chat with, or get to know, others.

The social aspect of the enrolment process is one of the reasons I will be there. Apart from enjoying a series of 'good chats' I will be hoping to get suggestions for new activities and classes. It would be great to get offers to be a tutor too. Suggestions that have been given to me recently include, for example, classes for carers, on playing the harmonica, to organise a European trip, on climate and environmental change, and to organise a short film festival. In any case, even if you don't have suggestions for new classes or activities, I'm happy to chat with anyone and everyone, and there are bound to be others for you to talk with too.

The topic of accommodation for U3A Ballarat classes and activities is always on the agenda. Our U3A continues to grow and consequently so does the need for new accommodation. Given that our venues are spread throughout the city, it may be that venues for particular classes will require some travel, either by car, bike or public transport. We might also expect that future venues, ones that we need to cater for our increasing number of members, will require a ten or fifteen minute drive. I guess we will just have to be 'creative' in ensuring that all members are able to get to their classes. Perhaps offering to drive fellow class members to venues will help. Yes, it is just a joke if people ask you to pick up a bottle of wine from the Barossa Valley when going to such-and-such a venue.

Finally in this report, the next '**Cappuccino and Chat**' sessions will be:

- Tuesday 12 November, 10.00 am at the Yacht Club, and
- Wednesday 13 November 10.00 am at the *Bunch of Grapes Hotel* (401 Pleasant St Sth. Note that we are trying another venue, just for a change)

All are welcome and there is no need to RSVP. Just turn up for a chat.

Phill Grant

End of Year Procedures

The end of the year is looming up fast and the Committee has been preparing for enrolment time.

MYU3A will NOT be open for 2020 enrolments until 10.00am in 2 December.

Office enrolments will take place at Ballarat North Community Centre, corner of Walker and Armstrong Streets. during the week Monday 2 December to the Friday 6 December.

The office will be open from 10.00am to 3.00pm each day that week.

On -line Enrolments – you may enrol on line from 10.00am on December 2

Membership Cost:



- Full members - \$50
- **Associate Members** – may enrol in up to three (3) classes only. Proof of membership of the home U3A required and must be sighted by the Enrolment staff. - \$25

Payment for on-line enrolments:

- You may pay through **PayPal** using your Credit card. As this is a cost to us we have decided to also have membership paid by
- **Direct Credit** to our bank account. **HOWEVER** if you do it this way you must email or post a membership form stating that is what you have done so we know who has paid. When paying via this method you need to put your membership number (ID) and surname.
- **Bank account details are: BSB 633-000 Account No: 1596 54144**

Payment by mail – you may fill in a Membership form and mail it to PO Box 2058, Bakery Hill 3354. Please do not include cash – cheques or money orders only.

NOTE: Enrolments will not be taken and processed until 10.00am on December 2.

Class Selection

Please choose your classes carefully and make sure they are ones you can regularly attend. For some classes the demand is particularly great, so book into the ones you really want before the ones that 'might be nice' I'll give it a try!!!

Associate members may enrol in up to 3 classes - if they desire to enrol in more, then a full membership should be paid.



We have our wonderful office volunteers on duty during this week – they will Meet and Greet you, help you with your class selections, give you coffee – or maybe it's self service - and guide you to an enrolment station in the Yellow room and the new office (Green Room) where more volunteers will take your money!!!

There is **no need** to rush in on December 2nd as the tutors will not be allocating places in their class until the following week – we are hoping to avoid the rush and queue we had last year on the first and second days of enrolment. Everybody will be going on a Wait List and you will receive notification as to whether you are in the class or not. It would be a good idea to contact tutors of new classes you wish to join so they know you are really interested. Also for members returning to a class, let you tutor know you wish to return – it may help them in their deliberations. New members may also enrol at this time.

Any queries regarding the enrolment process please contact	Any queries re class information please contact
Nina Netherway, 0417 371 473	Denise Grant
ninan06@bigpond.com	deniseu3a@hotmail.com

TUTORS

You will need to print out a list of your current class members before the end of November as your class list will not be available after this. Tutors will have the opportunity to come into the office on Monday December 9 and Tuesday December 10 from 10.00 – 3.00 if they wish, to accept class members and organise their class for 2020.



As the MyU3A class numbers needed to be set at 0, an unlimited number of members are able to enrol in any class. Thus, the Tutors need to organise their class carefully. Please **DO NOT** change the figures we have put in your class information.

NEW MEMBERS – if you enrol on-line please either:

Come into the office and collect a name badge, your welcome morning tea invitation and the 'blue' sheet telling you how we operate and giving passwords for the website.

Or
Send a stamped addressed envelope to the U3A Post Box so we can mail the name badge and other information to you.

Membership
U3A Ballarat
PO Box 2058
Bakery Hill 3354

Nina Netherway
Administration and MyU3A
0417 371 873



NEW CLASSES FOR 2020

All but one of these classes have already been included in the Class Information Booklet which has been printed and is ready for distribution during the enrolment week. The only exception is our newest class – Ceilidh – A Social and Musical Gathering. This class has however, been added to MyU3A and the timetable. You can check out our comprehensive list of classes available for 2020 in the Course Guide on our Webpage.

New classes – a brief summary:

REDISCOVERING PATRICK WHITE – Yvette Nesire-McNeil

This group allows interested people the opportunity to revisit the life and works of Patrick White and explore his contribution to Australian Cultural Identity. Novels, film, articles and interviews will be used to facilitate sessions.

JUNG AND MODERN MAN IN SEARCH OF A SOUL – Alice Mills.

An exploration of Jung's ideas, especially the difficulties of modern Western culture and how we may put them right.

CEILIDH: A SOCIAL, MUSICAL GATHERING – Ros Cole

Come and join in with our newly formed ceilidh sessions for some fun socialising and playing. The key focus of the sessions is to learn to play Celtic tunes from memory.

In 2020, tunes will come from "Begged, Borrowed and Stolen", which is freely available on the internet. Sessions will focus on slowly memorising tunes, before playing them at speed.

Suggested instruments: fiddle, tin whistle, recorder, flute, guitar, ukulele, concertina, banjo, accordion, bodhran, spoons, washboard, basses, Irish harp etc.

NEW TECHNOLOGY AND THE FUTURE OF OUR SPECIES – Chris Dickinson

This class is the fourth in a series of 4 semester courses titled "Understanding the 21st Century" and looks at how new technology is touching every aspect of our lives and how it has the potential to redefine humanity. The first semester ensures that there is a level of Economic literacy. The second is an introduction to "Geopolitics". The third looks at the broader issues raised by the first two courses and focuses on the "The Status and Future of Democracy".

The Sessions: 1. Technological Change? An historical perspective. 2. Social Media - A Case Study in How Technology Changes Our Lives 3. The Future of Democracy and Human Rights in this Digitally connected World 4. Google, Amazon and Apple - 3 Technological Behemoths and the rise of the algorithm 5. A New Perspective of Man as a Species - "Sapiens" - Yuval Noah Harari 6. The Rise of Artificial Intelligence - the Future of Work 7. The New Technologies - Biotechnology, Nanotechnology 8. CRISPR - How Genetic Engineering will Change Everything Forever - A Case Study 9. Urbanization - The Consequences of Living in Mega Cities 10. The World in 2100 - What the futurists see!

THE STATUS AND FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY – Chris Dickinson

This class is the third in a series of 4 semester courses titled "Understanding the 21st Century".

The Sessions: 1. The Crisis of Liberal Democracy - Part 1 2. The Crisis of Liberal Democracy and how to fix it - Part 2 3. Trump's America – An America Divided 4. The Rise of Nationalism and its impact on Europe and the EU - Nationalism versus Globalism 5. The Future of Capitalism 6. The Emergence of China - Should we be concerned? 7. Demography is our Destiny - Geopolitics, Environment and Migration 8. Understanding Islam 9. Climate Change - Where to from here? 10. A Course review - The world in 2050

The tutor will provide a set of key questions for discussion, plus relevant articles that will frame the discussion. These will be distributed by email a week prior to the session. For an outline of all 4 courses.

OLD HANDS – LOCAL HISTORY. A further development of Doug Bradby's New Chum's Local History

This course is designed for those who have either completed the New Chums course in 2019 or who have simply caught gold fever.

The story will be widened to include goldfields around Ballarat, such as Buninyong, Creswick and Pickpocket. Topics will also be broader and allow for research interest from the whole group to be examined.

The structure of the course will be the same as the structure of the New Chums course – a talk the first week, and a two hour walk the second week. Those who only desire to do the talks are most welcome.

SPANISH – INTRODUCTORY. Arthur Liscombe already runs two Spanish Continuing classes which followed on from his earlier Introductory Spanish.

For those new to Spanish, or who would like a refresher. The course will cover basic conversation, asking directions and travelling around, booking hotels and eating out, shopping, Spanish and Latin American culture, and more.

There is only one class per week. In order to make progress in learning a new language, students will be expected to commit to an additional 2 hours of private study per week.

Students will also need to purchase the text book prior to commencement of classes. Details will be provided.

GERMAN C – BEGINNERS - Ken Gittins

This class is for students with little or no knowledge of the German language. The aim of the class is to acquire skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing German, as well as to develop socio-culturally appropriate communication strategies.

The class text being used is: "German. How to speak it and write it" by Joseph Rosenberg. Participants will ideally have this book before coming to class.

Ken Gittins

RENAMED CLASSES

- U3A Performance choir is now **Ballarat U3A Chorale**.
- U3A Choristers is now called **Ballarat U3A Choristers**.
- French D now has a tutor – Don Mackay and they are called **French – Pardon my French**.
- Meet Japan has been changed to **Japan: its people, beauty and traditions**.
- Mosaics is now **Mostly Mosaics**.
- What next – Writing family history is now called **Researching, recording, writing family stories**.
- Retrosuburbia is now **Sustainable Suburbs Book Club**.
- The Tai Chi classes have been renamed. There are now four classes run by Lyn Gibson, the two **Tai Chi for Arthritis** classes, **Tai Chi Sun Style** and **Tai Chi Wednesday** for more experienced members. Of course, there is also the Traditional Chinese Tai class which occurs on Saturday mornings near the Lake which is taken by Jack Yang.
- Silver Jewellery AM is now called **Tuesday Morning Jewellery and Silversmithing**
- U3A Writers Group is renamed **Writing for Pleasure**
- Lori Hutton has renamed her four Yoga classes to Yoga – **Ongoing 1, 2 & 3, Yoga Progressive Beginners**

TUTORS AND CLASS REPS

An enjoyable lunch was had by tutors, class reps and other volunteers on 7 November where they were thanked for their work throughout the year. I would like to add my thanks to you all too. It is a big commitment to turn up month after month to take your class. And we all really appreciate your efforts. Without you, there would be no Ballarat U3A.

Keep your eye out for our next get together at the end of January, when we will have a training and information session as well as afternoon tea. This will be followed by a training session for new tutors.

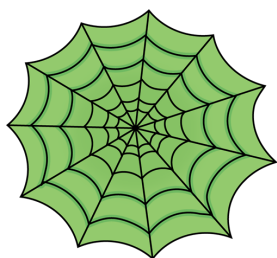
Tutors and enrolments

Don't forget that you can come to BNCC on Monday 9 December and Tuesday 10 December, 10 – 3pm to ask our office volunteers to help you with accepting your class members from the waitlist. You can, of course, also do this at home if you know how to do it. Before you add members though, you will need to ensure that your class limit is added to MyU3A and that you have your class lists from 2019 available. If you don't have a copy, 2019 class lists will be available from the Office. Please do not accept any members from the waitlist or add the class limit until at least 7 December.

SUMMER SCHOOL

For those of you who would like to continue with classes during the Summer holidays, read the details which Geoff Parr-Smith has attached to this bulletin. A big thank you to Geoff who has spent many hours preparing for our Summer School. Also thank you to the tutors who have offered to take classes. The programme will be held at Ballarat North Community Centre only.

Enrolments for the Summer School can be undertaken during the enrolment week 2 December – 6 December at the special Summer School table at BNCC. You can, if you miss out on enrolling that week, enrol directly with the tutor. Classes are not available on MyU3A.



WEBSITE UPDATE

You can now access a link to pages advertising the activities of various classes each month. Just logon to our website www.u3aballarat.org.au and you will see a **purple** button - see picture below. Just click on it to find a list of activities.

If you would like to add an activity for your class send an email with the details to Mary at moomoo@southernphone.com.au



U3A BALLARAT

For retirees who want to go on learning and lead a full and active life, U3A Ballarat offers all of these opportunities.

Choose from over 100 courses led by our volunteer tutors for an annual fee of only \$50.

Most courses are held at the Eastwood Leisure Complex in Eastwood Street, or Ballarat North Community Centre in Walker Street.

Are you interested

- joining other retirees for leisure activities?
- listening to interesting speakers?
- sharing your skills and interests with others?
- learning new things, developing new skills?
- challenging your mind?

What's on this month?



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Tutors



For the first time a Ballarat U3A Summer School will run over the 2019/20 summer holiday period. This is a new opportunity to keep your U3A activity going over the long summer holiday break.

There are six courses in the Summer School:

- Philosophy
- Circle Dancing
- Sustainability Film and Discussion
- Improve your Recorder Technique
- Recorders – Sight Reading
- Learn Microsoft Excel.

Enrolments

Courses are open to all U3A members. Participants can either:

- Enrol at a Summer School desk in Enrolments Week
- Or contact the tutors directly.

The courses are not included in the U3A's formal enrolment system on MyU3A and enrolment on the website is not available.

COURSE ARRANGEMENTS

Location: All courses will be held at Ballarat North Community Centre (BNCC), U3A's home base.

Session dates times: Between 13 December and 24 January, excluding the week of Christmas/New Year.

Class limits: No class limits. Classes are limited to U3A members, except for the Sustainability Film, where guests are also invited.

Coordination: Geoff Parr-Smith is coordinating the summer school. His contact details are:
Geoff Parr-Smith
geoffps722@gmail.com 0409 257 578

Refreshments: The kitchen at the Centre will be available for teas and coffees. No food provided. Some groups may bring snacks.

COURSE DETAILS

Philosophy

This will be a continuation/extension of the Philosophy class run during term. To include a philosophical DVD, followed by tea and a discussion.

Tutor: Anne Bouts, 0427 346 549 or ann.bouts@gmail.com

Date and Time Three sessions Wednesdays in January, 8th, 15th and 22nd,
10.00 to 12.30

Location (BNCC): Hall

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Circle Dancing

Circle Dance is a simple form of dance, moving in circles, as the name suggests, and holding hands. It is open to all who enjoy music and movement though absolutely no dance experience is necessary. The dances are drawn from different cultures, e.g. Israeli, Brazilian, Greek, or more contemporary choreographies, and range from lively to gentler and more reflective. All are accompanied by lovely, uplifting melodies. Circle dance has well-being at its heart, and promotes good health for the body, mind and spirit.

All the dances will be thoroughly taught and reprised. No prior dance experience is necessary but a fair sense of rhythm and moving to music would be helpful. The overriding ethos of Circle Dance is the enjoyment and well-being from dancing together, rather than perfecting steps.

This dance class will be offered during 2020, so come and try it. Please wear comfortable, soft flat shoes. Bring water bottle, snack etc. Tea and coffee available.

Tutor: Judi Appleby, 0431 180 105 or judiappleby@gmail.com

Date and Time Two sessions, Thursday Morning, 9th and 16th January, 10.30am to 12.20 noon. 2 hours, with a tea break

Location (BNCC): Main Hall

Sustainability film and discussion

Screening and discussion of the movie "2040". An introduction to both "Sustainable Suburbs" and "Positive Practices, Positive People".
Members and guests invited.

Tutor: Steve Burns and Madonna Quixley , 0421 043 072, Madonna.quixley@gmail.com

Date and Time January 21st, Tuesday afternoon, 12:30 to 4:00 pm.

Location (BNCC): Main Hall

Improve Your Recorder Technique

You've mastered the basics of the recorder, but there is much still to learn. These classes will concentrate on improving your playing skills. Aspects will include positioning (hands and body), breathing, sound production and articulation. The sessions will be based on techniques sessions run by professional recorder leader Robyn Mellor, with material from other sources.

Tutor: Geoff Parr-Smith, 0409 257 578, geoffps722@gmail.com

Date and Time Mondays. Five sessions in December, (16th, 23rd) and January (6th, 13th, 20th), 10.30 – 12.00, 1½ hours.

Location (BNCC): Hall.

Equipment: Recorders, also preferred but not essential. Music stand, notebook and pencil.

Recorders – Sight Reading

Gain further practice in sight reading from sheet music, to improve your overall playing ability. A range of types of music will be provided, but if you have pieces you would like to play, bring them along. Alto recorders only.

Tutor: Mary Melcherts. 0409 234 375, marygmelcherts@gmail.com

Date and Time Mondays. Five sessions in December (16th, 23rd) and January (6th, 13th, 20th), 1.00 – 3.00, 2 hours. A half hour after the Techniques Class, so participants can attend both.

Location (BNCC): Hall.

Equipment: Alto Recorders, alto. Music stand.

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Learn Microsoft Excel

Excel is an excellent program for calculation, simple data base management and general data storage. This course will cover most of the basic functions of this program, with an emphasis on accuracy of data entry and correct calculation. Some advanced features will be covered. We will prepare an annual domestic budget as a means of learning the program's capabilities.

Tutor: Geoff Parr-Smith , 0409 257 578, geoffps722@gmail.com

Date and Time Tuesdays, 10.30 – 12.00. 4 sessions, December 17th and January 7th, 13th, 20th, 1 ½ hours.

Location (BNCC): Yellow room.

Equipment: A laptop or tablet running Excel, a part of Microsoft Office 365. Older version of Excel can be used, but may be different in some respects. Sufficient battery storage for 2 hours, or charger. Mouse, notebook and pencil.



Music for All Seasons – Including Christmas

By the U3A Recorder Ensemble

AT BROWN HILL UNITING CHURCH
HUMFFRAY STREET NORTH

AT 11.00am on Friday November 29th

You are invited to join us for a morning of melodies –
Tangos, Well-known Songs, Classical Favourites,
Christmas Music and a few surprises!

Enquiries to Jacqueline Cleverley 0410641357

**SOME UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE BALLARAT
U3A PERFORMANCE CHOIR**

SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER at 11am – 12MD:
A program of predominantly Christmas music at the Lake Wendouree Farmers Market, Windmill Drive, Lake Wendouree. Come along and listen for a few minutes or an hour, while stocking up on fresh produce & perhaps some Christmas goodies!

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER at 11am – 12MD:
A second opportunity to hear some music for Christmas sung by the Choir, this time at the Brown Hill Farmers Market, Humffray Street North, Brown Hill.

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER at 2.00pm:
An afternoon concert at the Church of Christ, Corner of Peel Street & Dana Street, Ballarat Central. This will be a mix of different pieces, both Christmas and non-Christmas. Entry is by gold coin donation which will go towards Church projects.

TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2 – 2.45PM:
Carols at the Ballarat Library, Doveton Street North. This will be our final performance for 2019, but there will be plenty more choral music on offer next year. We hope to see you soon!

Musical Director: Geoffrey D'Ombain
Accompanist: Val Coad
Liaison Officer & Administration: Judy D'Ombain (0421339439)

VALE

Ken Taylor

3 October 1929 to 26 October 2019

The U3A Committee, Singing Groups and Mah Jong groups are deeply saddened by the death of Ken Taylor. He was the inspiration and driving force for the U3A Choristers for over 20 years and served many years on the U3A Committee. He was also a long time member of the Mah Jong group. Our fond memories of his tenure as director of various musical groups include his passion for Gilbert & Sullivan, his attention to every detail in our performances from filing in, appropriate performance dress, strong beginnings and endings, and “watch me” as we sang with full voice. He was a true professional who lived, organised and managed the Choristers – music was his life! When Cath received “Life Membership” in 2018, she acknowledged the strong Taylor partnership. Ken will be missed by U3A Ballarat, particularly the Mah Jong group and all who tried to sing their best for him!

Cycle Touring Group—Discovering the Elbe River

It sounded easy when the trip was being planned. Meet at a café and then pick up hire bikes in Dresden, travel to Prague by train and spend a day or two sightseeing, then find the Elbe Cycle Route and ride until the end. It's only a thousand or so kilometres. Actually, it was indeed easy, and interesting, and enjoyable, and the food and drink were excellent. Not that we had planned to travel by bike between restaurants; it just seemed to turn out that way.



The route between Prague and Dresden followed the Vitavou River (also known as the Moldau) until it met the Elbe River at Mělník, then followed the Elbe. The cycle routes were well-paved bike paths and sometimes quiet country roads. The four days cycling to Dresden were mostly in the relatively narrow river valley, affording beautiful views of mostly forested slopes.

From Dresden to the coast at Cuxhaven the countryside was mostly undulating; a mixture of agricultural and forested landscapes. Villages, towns and cities were often surprising in their ‘quaintness and picturesque-ness’. The weather was predominantly gentle, though stormy weather for several days at the end of the journey invoked the need for some creative travel arrangements. That’s a wordy way of saying we used a few trains. Along the way we chatted with many interesting people, had many coffees and some ice creams and learnt a lot about the countries through which we travelled.

Did I mention that the food and drink were excellent? We wondered if the next trip should be through France, in order to compare the cuisine. That’s not to say that the only reason for travelling is to eat, however...





Finding Quality Health Information On Line

Ballarat North Community Centre
702 Walker Street, North Ballarat

**Thursday November 21st at
1.30pm**

**Free session with afternoon tea
provided**

**You can also drop into the Ballarat North Community Centre any
Thursday from 10 am**

For more information contact Jeff Langdon on 0411 552 862



Learn New Online Skills



Drop In

Thursdays 1pm to 3 pm
Ballarat North Community Centre
702 Walker St., North Ballarat

As part of the Be Connected Network, Ballarat U3A offers one to one mentoring for anyone interested in becoming more proficient online.

Feel free to drop in on **Thursday afternoons from 1pm**. Bring your device or use one of ours! We have a range of laptops, tablets and computers for your use.

For more details contact Jeff Langdon 0411 552 862



WORD DIVERSION FOR NOVEMBER

Well, it's time for a 'catch up'. Firstly, congratulations to the word wizards from August: Warwick Sellens, Gillian Robson, Sandy Johnston, Michelle Parker, John Elischer and Marianne Kennedy. The word, by the way, was SNOWFLAKE - mmm, that's appropriate at the moment, isn't it.

Now for November's word, and let's have one for December too. The wobbled words are:

H O E P N A E N M and C R U S T R U E T

If you have the patience, you could solve one word now, then wait a month to solve the other. (I can hear the responses already, probably something similar to, 'Ha, that's not going to happen!')

Anyway, as usual, solutions to Phill at grantphillip@hotmail.com

DIVERSION FOR OCTOBER

Congratulations to Louise Martin and Andrew who correctly identified last months Diversion as the Church Spire of Our Savior Copenhagen, Denmark.

The Diversioner is too diverted this month, so look for a new Where in the World Diversion in January.



All set up and ready for the Thank You



Tutors, reps and volunteers enjoying their lunch.



Improving consumer decision-making about retirement housing

FLYER

University of Melbourne, CPRC and RRVV Inc



Researchers from the University of Melbourne have been funded by the Consumer Policy Research Centre (CPRC) and Residents of Retirement Villages Victoria (RRVV) to undertake an independent research project to find out what information people use and the impact this information has on their decision to relocate to a retirement village, or not.

The aim of the survey is find out what information is readily available, how easy it is to understand, and how accurate the information is regarding availability, housing contracts, services and fees and so on.

You can complete this survey if you:

- ✓ Live in Victoria
- ✓ Are aged 50 years and older
- ✓ Are English speaking
- ✓ Currently live in a retirement village

The information you provide will be used to provide input into Consumer Affairs Victoria review of the *Victorian Retirement Village Act 1986*.

The survey is available online at the following online address:

<https://tinyurl.com/surveyRV>

Your responses are completely anonymous – no identifying information will be collected

If you have any questions, please contact the project manager:
Dr Sue Malta on 0409.433.077 or at susan.malta@unimelb.edu.au

BALLARAT SPEAKERS CLUB

John Pilbeam

Thursday, 14 November at 12 noon
City Oval Hotel

Originally educated in Ballarat, John became a career diplomat and has served Australia and Australians in Jamaica, PNG, at the UN in New York, South Korea, Hong Kong, Vanuatu, and most recently the Caribbean again. The Caribbean is a really interesting place, consisting of 14 countries and 30 consular districts. John will reflect on his time in the Caribbean and relate some of the more interesting incidents from his career. This will be a fascinating glimpse into the lifestyle and role of an Australian diplomat.

\$40 per person (\$15 goes to charity)

RSVP: Go to www.meetup.com/Ballarat-Speakers-Club

or phone/text Anthony on 0458 312 533 by Tuesday 12th November.

BMI Twilight Talks

Drinks and nibbles at 5pm, talks at 5.30pm in the Humffray Room.

BMI members \$6, visitors \$10

25 October **Prof Barry Golding** - The Men's Shed Movement

Talk is about the Australian origins of the movement, overseas operations and recent developments

1 November **Bill Reid** - The next chapter of gold mining in Ballarat

Mining operations continue 800 metres below Ballarat - relation of this to historic mining

8 November **Margaret Wills** - Journeys of the Wills Family

The talk investigates the journeys of three members of the Wills family including the Wills of Burke & Wills fame

15 November **Wendy Jacobs** - Buildings at the heart of Ballarat

The talk will be about the heritage buildings in central Ballarat - their history and architecture

CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline;
Wednesday Nov. 6 to Elena
Tommasi, PO Box 2058,
Bakery Hill, 3354 or
elena.U3A@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB 2, *Yvette Nesire-McNeil, Facilitator 0434 630 456, Helen McDowell, Class Rep 0407 347 779*

This month we reviewed, *Gravity Well*, by *Melanie Joosten*

This is a very well constructed book, given the youth of the author, and deals with the complexity of modern life and how to live with the consequences of decisions made along the way. The characters are credibly flawed, not always likeable and most are dealing with crises of relationships, health and choice. Joosten's use of scientific, astronomical metaphors suits the interconnecting orbits of the characters, whilst her references to Ballarat provide a comforting familiarity.

The constant changes of time and place tend to interrupt the flow of the narrative on occasion but the excellent portrayal of the characters lead to very strong reactions from group members.

Opinion was divided. 7/10

Our next book is: *The Secret Chord*, by *Geraldine Brooks*.

BUSHWALKERS *Laraine Gunning and Lynne Fenton, Class Rep.*

November 14th--Circuit walk from Linton township. Length - 10.5kms. Code B, Conditions - Rail Trail & bush surfaces, with some undulation. Bring Lunch, Car Pool \$5.

November 28--- The walk planned for this date to Footscray has been cancelled due to work on the line throughout November. Instead Shirley will lead us on a walk at Glenlyon.

This walk includes an eco-trail from the historic recreation area, views over farmland, a scenic waterfall (and if there's time parts of the charming town. A mineral spring is nearby. Generally easy, there's a long steep walk back from the falls. B.L, Code B approx 8 kms led by Shirley. Car Pool \$8.

December 12th---Break-up at 11 A.M at the Pavilion in the North Botanic Gardens (same as last year).

Note ---Meet at Llanberris Netball Courts parking area **9.20 A.M** for 9.30 A.M start. Code A-- easy, approx 5 to 7kms mainly flat. Code B-- medium, approx 7 to 10 kms undulating. Code C hard, steeper ascents and descents. B/L bring lunch. For walk details and photos from past walks please go to our Blog at: <http://bushwalkersu3aballarat.blogspot.com.au>.

CELTIC BAND, Corrie Olsen

Children & Teachers from the Child Care Centre next door to Ballarat North Community Centre, have been visiting the Band on the first Monday of the month, since August.

During that time a regular format has developed with the children.. watching the band playing 'band' tunes, moving about to songs performed by the band (with guidance from a member of the band), playing percussion instruments as the band plays tunes and much much more. Corrie introduces new children's songs each session.

The teacher-in-charge commented today that parent feedback has been positive, after the children tell them about their day with the band.

As today was the final session for this year, (before sessions continue next year), the teacher presented Corrie with a card, creatively illustrated by the children. The message in the card "Thank you for giving us the opportunity to come and sit and watch and play along to your music practice. We have really enjoyed it.

Ballarat Childcare Coop.

DINING OUT GROUP *Anne McKee 0403 079 216 or anneianmckee@ozemail.com.au*

The December lunch will be held at the Lake View Hotel, corner of Mill Street and Wendouree Parade on the 8th December, commencing at 12 noon. Please let Anne or Ian know if you are or are not coming on either 0403 079 216 or anneianmckee@ozemail.com.au by Friday 6th December. The group will continue into 2020 under the guidance of Glenda Cipolatto.

A reminder that the November lunch will be held at the Golf House Hotel, corner Doveton and Water Streets, (opposite the Ballarat North Citizens' Centre) on November 17th, starting at 12 noon. Please let Anne or Ian know if you are or are not coming on either 0403 079 216 or anneianmckee@ozemail.com.au by Friday 15th November.

LITERATURE *Robyn McKnight, Tutor 03 5334 4753*

Our class is reading *Catcher in the Rye* for November with tutor Helen Nethercote. Members are reminded that our end of year Coffee Morning will be held on Thursday 28th November at Pipers Restaurant on the lake at 10.30am. This is an opportunity to get together and thank our Tutors who have introduced us to some wonderfully stimulating books during the year.

NORDIC (POLE) WALKING *Pat McCarthy, Tutor 0467 852 759 Mike Maloney, Tutor 5330 1334 / 0413 971 951*

In December (and possibly January) we will be walking from Lake Wendouree – in the gardens, along the lakeside, or around the surrounding streets - the Pole Walking Group continues throughout the holiday period. Meet in Windmill Drive behind the large children's playground for a 10.00am start.

SIT 'n STITCH

Every fortnight, approximately thirty members stitch, relax, chat, laugh, and enjoy cuppas with yummy food (roster system for members to bring nibbles).

Members bring their own lunch and their own projects to work on to stitch, embroider, knit, crochet, tatting or whatever. Beginners to the very accomplished attend regularly sharing their skills, guide beginners, or learn new skills. A great place to learn new stitch skills.

This happy class has also enjoyed fellow member demonstrations on dyeing yarns with food colouring, bee waxing fabric, tatting, and more.

U3A CHORISTERS

During Seniors' Week the Choristers performed in the central food court at Stockland and were delighted to receive feedback from management that "the Chorister's were wonderful and really engaged with our customers". It was lovely to see so many smiling faces, and some of the more enthusiastic audience members even joined in! We are now busy rehearsing a Christmas program to sing at Mercy Place on December 3rd and have been invited back to sing at Stockland at noon on December 10th.

WALKERS AND COFFEE *Chris Cullen and John Elischer, Class Rep. 0421 341 288*

Walks start 10am sharp 1st & 4th Wednesdays

27th November Garage Café, 81A Humffray Street North, Ballarat

4th December Ballarat Leagues Club, 52 Humffray Street North, Ballarat, then
Lunch at the Leagues Club if you wish, for a Christmas celebration, and
year wind-up.

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